Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-31 (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 31, further comprising~~ <u>A method for filtering e-mail messages transmitted from an external site to an internal site associated with a first policy, comprising:</u>

> <u>i.   intercepting a plurality of data packets associated with an e-mail message having a sender address associated with an external site;</u>
>
> <u>ii.   assembling said data packets to an application level message;</u>
>
> <u>iii.   detecting whether the application level message includes a digital signature attachment;</u>
>
> <u>iv.   applying at least one policy condition to said application level e-mail message, said policy condition applied by reference to said attached digital signature, said applying providing a policy application result;</u>
>
> <u>v.   applying at least a second policy condition to said application level e-mail message in response to a predetermined condition of the attached digital signature, the second policy condition selected</u> ~~selecting the second policy condition~~ <u>by reference to an identity associated with the valid digital signature;</u>
>
> <u>vi.   detecting that the digital signature is a valid digital signature; and</u>
>
> <u>vii.   processing said application level e-mail message in accordance with said applying.</u>

33. (Currently Amended) ~~the method of Claim 30, wherein the second policy condition detects~~ <u>A method for filtering e-mail messages transmitted from an external site to an internal site associated with a first policy, comprising:</u>

> <u>i.   intercepting a plurality of data packets associated with an e-mail message having a sender address associated with an external site;</u>
>
> <u>ii.   assembling said data packets to an application level message;</u>

iii.   detecting whether the application level message includes a digital signature attachment;

iv.   applying at least one policy condition to said application level e-mail message, said policy condition applied by reference to said attached digital signature, said applying providing a policy application result;

v.   applying a second policy for detecting whether the attached signature is associated with a domain which is included in a stored list of trusted domains; and

vi.   processing said application level e-mail message in accordance with said applying.